GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
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LOSSES PROFIT INCURRED BY DOORDARSHAN
SHANKAR PRASAD JAISWAL

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the losses/profits incurred by Doordarshan during each of the last three years, till date;

(b) the details of major sources of income and expenditure;

(c) whether the administrative and non-plan expenditure has been increasing over the years;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the remedial steps taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY)

(a): Doordarshan is a Public Service Broadcasting Organisation and does not operateon commercial basis to make profit and, therefore, no profit and loss accounts are maintained.

(b): While commercial revenue from sale of airtime on Doordarshan Channels is themain source of revenue, following are the major expenditure items;

(a): Salary of the employees and other establishment costs.

(b): Operation and maintenance of studios and transmitters,

(c): Programme production and acquisition,

(d): Setting up of new facilities (Transmitters, uplinking and downlinking, OB Vans, etc,) civil and electrical work etc.,

(e):Modernisation and replacement of old equipments.

(c)&(d): Administrative and non-plan expenditure has been increasing over the years, especially due to increase in salaries on acceptance of recommendations of the Fifth Pay commission and general increase in prices of stores and equipments.

(e): Prasar Bharati has informed that all the austerity measures as directed by the Government are being followed to contain the expenditure within the sanctioned budget.